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1. **CONFIDENTIAL** - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ON APRIL 7, THE LA PENCA INVESTIGATING COMMISSION
 OF COSTA RICA'S LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MADE PUBLIC ITS
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 LONG-AWAITED REPORT ON THE 1984 LA PENCA BOMBING. A
 BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWSPAPER REPORTING ON ITS
 CONCLUSIONS FOLLOWS:

--THE ASSASSIN WAS ARGENTINE TERRORIST VITAL ROBERTO GAGUINE, OPERATING UNDER THE NAME OF PER ANKER HANSEN. THE FINGERPRINTS OF HANSEN AND GAGUINE MATCHED.

--GAGUINE WORKED FOR SANDINISTA INTELLIGENCE AND, IN FACT, HAD TIES TO TOMAS BORGE.

--GAGUINE DID NOT DIE IN THE ATTACK ON THE ARGENTINE ARMY BARRACKS LA TABLADA IN JANUARY 1989, AS PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED, SINCE HIS FINGERPRINTS DID NOT MATCH THOSE OF ANY OF THE DEAD ATTACKERS. THEREFORE, ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES HAVE ISSUED AN ARREST WARRANT FOR HIM AND INTERPOL HAS BEEN ASKED FOR HELP IN LOCATING HIM.

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ALSO POUCH A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT.
 AND DIGEST THE MORE THAN 200-PAGE REPORT. WE WILL
 COMMISSION'S FINDINGS AFTER WE HAVE HAD TIME TO READ
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MOREOVER, THE COMMISSION TOLD THE PRESS IN
 RELEASING THE REPORT, THAT "THE EVENT CAME FROM THE
 GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF STATE SECURITY (DGSE) OF THE
 NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT."

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3. THE REPORT DID NOT EXPLICITY IDENTIFY THE
 SAN DINISTAS AS THE "INTELLIGUAL AUTOHORS" BEHIND THE
 CRIME BUT DID MAKE A CLEAR IMPLICIT CONNECTION.

--THE VICTIMS OF THE BOMBING SHOULD BE INDENPIFIED BY
 THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT.

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 AFTER THE BOMBING WHICH CONSTITUTED "NEGLIGENCE" AND
 WHICH INTERFERED WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CRIME.

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